

Application No. 10/616,925  
Reply to Office Action of December 28, 2004

IN THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes formal drawings replacing Fig. 1B and Fig. 8C.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2, and 4-31 are now pending in this application.

In the outstanding office action, the drawings are objected to as not being formal drawings as required. Claims 1, 2, and 4-31 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-36 of U.S. Patent No. 6,652,450.

This rejection of claims 1, 2, and 4-31 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting is obviated by the timely filing of the enclosed properly executed terminal disclaimer, as provided in 37 C.F.R. §1.321(c). Accordingly, withdrawal of this ground of rejection is respectfully requested.

Regarding the objection to the drawings, formal drawings replacing Figure 1B and 8C are herein submitted. No new matter is added. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to the informal drawings is respectfully requested.

Submitted herein is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. The Office noted in its Office Action of July 2, 2004 that certain references in the Form 1449 submitted on July 11, 2003 were not considered because no date was listed. Applicants have herein provided more complete information, including dates, for most of the previously unconsidered references. Due consideration of such references is respectfully requested.

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In light of the above discussion, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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